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LETTER DATED 25 MARCH 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance, cause provocation and drop heat flares have continued over the period 11 to 20 March 1994.

11 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 29 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Salman, Busayyah, Khidr and Jalibah.

12 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 29 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 34 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Basra, Qurnah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, the area to the south of Najaf, Qal'at Salih and Busayyah.

At 1210 hours on 12 March 1994 a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft penetrated Iraqi airspace flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres. It left at 1445 hours in the direction of Kuwaiti airspace.

13 March 1994

Southern region: 42 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Qal'at Salih and Shanafiyah.

14 March 1994

Southern region: 43 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Jalibah, Rifa'i, Salman, Artawi and Busayyah.

15 March 1994

Southern region: 30 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shatrah, Jalibah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Artawi, Busayyah and Lasaf.

16 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Shaqlawah.

(b) Southern region: 20 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Qal'at Salih, Salman and Ushbayjah.

17 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 34 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Aqrah, Sinjar and Shaqlawah.

(b) Southern region: 47 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Salman, Chabaish, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

At 1250 hours on 17 March 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft penetrated at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres. It overflew Jalibah, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Shatrah, Qal'at Sukkar, the area to the south of Diwaniyah and Samawah. It left at 1435 hours in the direction of Saudi airspace.

At 1340 hours on 17 March 1994, a hostile two-aircraft formation dropped four heat flares to the east of the Zummar area in the Ninawa Governorate.

18 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 37 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 38 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Amarah, Qal'at Salih, Chabaish, Artawi, Jalibah, Ushbayjah and Busayyah.

19 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 23 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 38 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Qal'at Salih and Artawi.

20 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 51 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Dukan and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 44 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Qurnah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah, Ushbayjah and Artawi.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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